

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2089

Introduced by Assembly Member Alejo

February 23, 2012

An act to amend Section 13897.1 of the Penal Code, relating to crime victims.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2089, as introduced, Alejo. Crime victims' resource center.

Existing law establishes a resource center that operates a statewide, toll-free information service for crime victims and providers of services to crime victims, and requires the resource center to distribute information and educational materials on victims' legal rights to specified agencies and organizations, including administrative and law enforcement agencies.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 13897.1 of the Penal Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 13897.1. (a) There shall be established a resource center which
- 4 shall operate a statewide, toll-free information service; consisting
- 5 of legal and other information; for crime victims and providers of
- 6 services to crime victims. The center shall provide information
- 7 and educational materials discussing victims' legal rights. The

1 center shall distribute these materials to administrative agencies,
2 law enforcement agencies, victim-service programs, local, regional,
3 and statewide education systems, appropriate human-service
4 services agencies, and political, social, civic, and religious leaders
5 and organizations.

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7 (b) *As* used in this chapter, “provider of services to crime
8 victims” means any hospital, doctor, attorney, local or statewide
9 rape crisis center, domestic violence center, child abuse counseling
10 center, or victims’ witness center that seeks to assist crime victims
11 in understanding and exercising their legal rights, including those
12 under Chapter 5 (commencing with Section ~~13959~~ 13950) of Part
13 4 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.